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COMMITTEE OF 24 SUBCOMMITTEE ON SMALL TERRITORIES --

OPENING STATEMENT WAS MADE BY WILSON, AS THE SUB-COMMITTEE BEGAN CONSIDERATION JUNE 9 OF AMERICAN SAMOA. QUESTION, WHICH WILL BE ANSWERED AT A FUTURE MEETING, WERE ASKED BY CHAIRMAN KOUAME (IVORY COAST) AND KHALEF (IRAQ).

WILSON DESCRIBED PREPARATIONS FOR A REFERENDUM (PREVIOUSLY HELD IN 1972 AND 1975) THROUGH WHICH ON AUG. 31, 1976, THE AMERICAN SAMOANS HAD, BY A 70 PERCENT MAJORITY, VOTED IN FAVOR OF AN ELECTED GOVERNOR AND LT. GOVERNOR, THE ONLY QUESTION ON THE BALLOT THIS TIME. THEREAFTER AN ELECTIVE GOVERNOR ADVISORY COMMISSION WAS

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ESTABLISHED AND IT HAD PREPARED PRELIMINARY RECOMMENDATIONS. A TARGET DATE FOR HOLDING THE FIRST GUBERNATORIAL ELECTION HAD BEEN SET FOR NOVEMBER THIS YEAR. HE WAS OPTIMISITIC THAT ALL WOULD GO WELL AND THAT 1978 WOULD SEE THE INSTAL-LATION OF THE FIRST POPULARLY ELECTED GOVERNOR AND LT. GOVERNOR IN AMERICAN SAMOA. REPORTING ON ECONOMIC DE-VELOPMENTS, WILSON SAID AN ECONOMIC RECESSION HAD BEGAN IN

LATE 1974 IN AMERICAN SAMOA, WHICH HAD BEEN EXACERBATED BY A SERIES OF LOCAL DISASTERS. THE US CONGRESS HAD APPROVED SUPPLEMENTARY FUNDS, AND THE SAMOAN ECONOMY IS NOW ON AN UPWARD CLIMB AND INCREASED LOCAL TAX REVENUE IS ANTICIPATED FOR THE NEXT FISCAL YEAR. ATTEMPTS WERE BEING MADE TO DIVERSIFY THE ECONOMY, AND WITH INCREASED FINANCIAL GRANTS FROM THE US THE AMERICAN SAMOAN GOVERNMENT WAS PROCEEDING WITH IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS. WILSON ALSO REPORTED ON THE EDUCATIONAL SYSTEM AND NOTED THAT THE COMMUNITY COLLEGE IS NOW BECOMING A FOUR-YEAR INSTITUTION THAT WOULD SPECIALIZE IN TEACHER TRAINING.

QUESTIONS, WHICH WILL BE ANSWERED LATER, WERE BY KHALEF (IRAQ, WHO ASKED WHY THE AMERICAN SAMOANS IN THEIR FIRST REFERENDA HAD VOTED AGAINST THE ELECTION OF A GOVERNOR AND LT. GOVERNOR, AND BY CHAIRMAN KOUAME (IVORY COAST), WHO ASKED, INTER ALIA, IF THE REPORT BY THE ELECTED GOVERNOR COMMISSION HAD BEEN SUBMITTED. HE DID NOT UNDERSTAND THE RELATIONSHIP OF THE GOVERNOR OF AMERICAN SAMOA TO THE TERRITORY VIS-A-VIS THE USG. THE SUBCOMMITTEE'S WORKING PAPER STATED THAT THE ELECTED GOVERNOR "WOULD REMAIN UNDER THE AUTHORITY OF THE US SECRETARY OF THE INTERIOR, WHO WOULD CONTINUE TO BE RESPONSIBLE TO THE US CONGRESS FOR THE ADMINISTRATION OF AMERICAN SAMOA." ALSO, HE DID NOT UNDERSTAND WHY, AFTER THE ELECTION OF A GOVERNOR, AMERICAN SAMOA WOULD BE A US TERRITORY, AND HE ASKED FOR CLARIFICATION.

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